



IDAHO CROP WEATHER



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RAIN SLOWS EASTERN IDAHO HARVEST

Harvest continues across the state. In Eastern areas wet weather the first part of the week hampered small grain harvest. In the Southwest and South-central areas strong winds damaged crops lying in the windrow. The Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service reports farmers had an average of 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Agricultural activities for the week ending September 5, included monitoring for insects and disease, harvesting cereal grains, potatoes, hay, mint, lentils, dry peas, oats, onions, hops, sweet corn, and fruit.

CROP REPORT

Rain that delayed small grain harvest in Eastern areas of the state also damaged the 3rd cutting of alfalfa. The first report of late

blight surfaced in Eastern Idaho potato fields. Teton county experienced a light frost mid-week. Across the state producers are wrapping up grain harvest and preparing the ground for reseeding. In North Idaho seeding of winter canola has begun. Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 8% very short, 35% short, 55% adequate, and 2% surplus.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Range and Pasture are reported in good to fair condition. Cattle and sheep are being brought down from the high country. Grasshoppers continue to be a nuisance.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	1999	1998	Avg.
Potatoes with Vines Dead/Kill	18	17	33
Mint Harvested	76	89	88
Onions Harvested	8	16	21
Dry Peas Harvested	86	98	86
Dry Beans Harvested	12	9	18
Lentils Harvested	80	90	67
Corn Harvested for Silage	9	4	5
Sweet Corn Harvested	61	45	56
Oats Harvested for Grain	63	74	69
Peaches Harvested	61	56	70
Prunes & Plums Harvested	38	26	45
Apples Harvested	3	7	7
Hops Harvested	22	35	29

CONDITION INFORMATION

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percentages</i>					
Irr. Water Supply	0	1	7	35	57
Pasture & Range	0	9	39	44	8
Potatoes	0	2	13	75	10

CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 5, 1999

Crop	North			Southwest			Southcentral			East			State		
	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	2	3	2	6	1	2	3
Harvested	85	99	96	100	100	100	100	100	98	85	95	93	89	98	96
Spring Wheat															
Harvested	52	96	75	100	100	99	81	100	91	59	82	72	64	88	78
Barley															
Harvested	57	96	77	100	100	99	97	100	95	51	75	70	63	84	77
Alfalfa Hay															
Harvested (3 rd Cutting)	NA	NA	NA	93	70	62	71	81	65	16	28	18	52	54	41
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	14	10	16	9	8	9	3	2	3	5	4	5

Avg (1994-1998).

Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, September 5, 1999 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40E Base	50E Base		Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of September	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Lewiston	88	43	62	-6	3840	2264	2394	0.01	-0.19	0.00	4.85	6.36
Sand Point	74	32	54	-6	2634	1284	1343	1.22	0.83	0.12	12.21	12.97
Southwest												
Boise	89	42	62	-6	3945	2410	2274	0.00	-0.14	0.00	3.25	5.33
Caldwell 5/	90	39	61	-7	3783	2205	2558	0.00	-0.12	0.00	0.58	4.45
Mountain Home	90	36	59	-8	3775	2318	2254	0.00	-0.10	0.00	2.44	4.42
Parma	90	40	61	-4	3848	2291	2162	0.00	-0.11	0.00	3.36	4.92
Weiser	88	41	--	--	4021	2455	2197	0.00	-0.08	0.00	4.01	4.48
Southcentral												
Buhl	89	42	60	-6	3600	2165	1868	0.07	-0.07	0.07	3.75	4.61
Burley	87	39	59	-4	3713	2229	1782	0.03	-0.10	0.03	6.06	4.83
Hill City	83	29	54	-6	2368	1171	1221	0.07	-0.05	0.07	6.33	5.25
Hagerman	92	38	60	-6	3518	2060	2386	0.00	-0.10	0.00	2.90	4.25
Malta 5/	79	36	56	-7	3073	1669	1663	0.00	-0.17	0.00	6.25	5.50
Twin Falls	85	35	56	-7	3166	1776	1690	0.98	0.85	0.49	5.50	4.89
East												
Aberdeen 5/	75	35	--	--	2864	1506	1486	0.25	0.09	0.00	3.69	5.04
Grace 5/	77	36	58	-3	2798	1527	1300	1.03	0.74	0.36	10.32	8.59
Idaho Falls	76	33	54	-8	2792	1446	1575	0.03	-0.16	0.03	7.55	5.92
Malad City 5/	77	41	--	--	3479	2109	1695	0.00	-0.23	0.00	6.64	7.87
Pocatello	82	37	57	-7	3076	1708	1780	0.04	-0.13	0.02	6.90	6.32
Rexburg	76	37	54	-8	2671	1386	1454	0.56	0.38	0.00	9.39	7.46
Salmon	88	37	58	-2	2884	1521	1578	0.28	0.11	0.28	1.63	6.18

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/ -- indicate missing or incomplete data 3/ Departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average ^{2/}	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	78	56	73	54	66	62	58	52	69	50	73	53	77	53	71	54
Emmett	90	75	82	71	81	69	82	68	79	69	81	69	83	68	83	70
Parma	80	70	75	67	74	67	73	65	70	61	67	60	68	61	72	64
Sandpoint	68	57	59	53	62	53	61	54	65	54	63	56	62	57	63	55
Twin Falls	73	57	68	55	62	53	64	52	63	52	69	52	73	55	67	54

1/ Eight Inch Reading. 2/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.